

09/806886

02 Rec'd PCT/PTO

05 APR 2001

#3A  
NEK

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case AA-352

In the Matter of :  
US National Phase Entry :  
Under 35 USC 371 from :  
International Application of :  
Katsuda et al., :  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US98/21020 : Group Art Unit : N/A  
Filed on October 5, 1998 : Examiner : N/A

For Foaming System and Detergent Compositions Containing the Same :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace current claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 12 with the amended claims below. A sheet showing the changes made is attached hereto.

- a1
4. (Amended) The controlled foaming system of Claim 3, wherein the silicone foam suppressing agent has an average droplet diameter of from 1 to 50 microns releasably incorporated in a water-soluble or water dispersible, substantially non-surface active, detergent-impermeable, and non-hydroscopic carrier, the silicone foam suppressing component being substantially free of water-soluble relatively hydroscopic inorganic salts and in the form of an irregularly shaped particle having a minimum dimension of at least 0.05 cm and the maximum dimension being at least 20% greater than the minimum dimension.
5. (Amended) The controlled foaming system of Claim 2, wherein the foaming component produces upon contact with water gas bubbles having an average bubble particle size of 400 microns or less.
- pub  
cor